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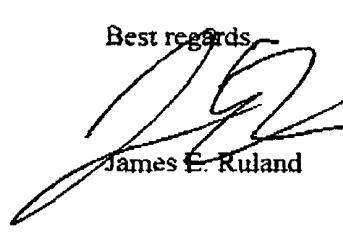
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Dear Examiner Sellers:

Attached, please find a copy of our Request for Reconsideration as filed on October 22, 2001.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Best regards



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Alain BOUILLOUX et al. : Group Art Unit: 1712

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In response to the Office Action dated July 20, 2001, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

The claims in the case are 20-40 with claims 21, 22, 24-29, 31, 33-37, 39 and 40 being withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

Claims 20, 23, 30, 32 and 38 stand rejected as allegedly containing subject matter not described in the specification in such a way to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention. Particularly, the Action alleges that:

1. there are no other forms of (A) and examples of (C) *sic* revealed anywhere else in the specification besides page 3, lines 16-18, and page 5, lines 11-15;
2. there is not even any generic terminology which would enable one skilled in the art to prepare (A) and (C) other than the specifically named copolymers;
3. it is questionable that a composition comprising non-polymerized glycidyl (meth)acrylate as (A), ethylene-maleic anhydride copolymer as (B) and non-polymerized (meth)acrylic or maleic acid as (C) would provide an operable crosslinked phase within the confines of the disclosed and claimed subject matter; and
4. the copolymers deemed to be within the generic categories of unsaturated epoxide (A) and unsaturated carboxylic acid (C) do not conform to the definition of those terms